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First off, I work for Infinity Broadcasting in Pittsburgh, PA. Though I enjoy local radio, there is a void in instant listening gratification. With Satellite Radio, I can have access to important news, traffic and weather 24/7. I sell for a living. (I'm also on air P/T) I need to get around the city fast. Of the few stations that carry traffic, many only report traffic during drive times. I drive ALL the time, not just to and from work. I need news. Out of all of our local news/talkers 0 have live personalities beyond 9PM. On weekends, it's rare to get updated news. Most AM News/Talkers have syndication or infomercials.

XM is picking up where local radio has failed me. I've worked in radio for 10 years and I must say I'm sad to see the state of local radio. XM is a huge part of my day.

The NAB has messed up with local radio.... I REFUSE to have them mingle with XM Radio. I will continue to pay my hard earned money to XM because it fills a need that local radio cannot support.

Thanks to the FCC and NAB local radio is not what it used to be. Too many of my friends lost their jobs because of deregulation. Many young (and old) careers were put on the beach because of cost cutting measures and the need to report to investors.

Consider this letter my support for XM radio and I can't wait for the day that the NAB and FCC will make things right and regulate local radio ownership. Until that day comes, I will give 100% support to XM Satellite Radio.

I am also considering purchasing Sirius Radio for my office and car. I am very satisfied with the level of programming satellite radio has given me.